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May 30, 2008

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Hon. Stephen C. Robinson United States District Judge United States Courthouse 300 Quarropas Street, Room 633 White Plains, New York 10601 MEMO ENDORSED

Re: <u>Virginia Butler Singleton v. Astrue</u>

08 Civ. 2784(SCR)

Dear Judge Robinson:

This Office represents the Commissioner of Social Security, defendant in the above-captioned action. We write respectfully, with the consent of plaintiff's counsel, to request an extension of defendant's time to answer the complaint.

The answer is currently due on May 30, 2008. To date, we not received the administrative record in this case. Without a copy of the certified administrative record, this Office cannot assess the merits of the action nor answer plaintiff's complaint. See 42 U.S.C. § 405(g). In view of the foregoing, we respectfully request that defendant's time to answer or move with respect to complaint be extended sixty days, to July 29, 2008. No previous extensions have been sought in this case.

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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

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